



Rotary Profile

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LITTLETON ROTARY CLUB
Club #6418 ~ District #7850
Chartered July 1926
www.LittletonNHRotary.org

*Meets at 12:15 pm on Wednesdays at
the Topic of the Town Restaurant
25 Main Street, Littleton, NH 03561*

Officers 2016-2017

President	Bob Muh
President Elect	Chris Tyler
Vice President	Amanda Simino
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Treasurer	Shannon McKee
Past President	Tina Lunderville

Directors

Kevin Low	Russ Gaitskill
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Ray Dionne	Joe Ransmeier

Sergeant-at-Arms *Rusty Talbot*

Rotary International President

John F. Germ Chattanooga, TN

7850 District Governor

Jay Polimeno
Jamie Milne, ADG

The Rotary Four-Way Test

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

*Will it build goodwill and better
friendships?*

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

PROGRAMS

May 10th

Craig Clemmer, Director of Sales and Marketing, Omni Mt. Washington Resort, "Say Goodnight to Hunger".

May 17th

Nick Altonaga, NCC Planner, Ride-Share & Commute-Smart NH.

May 24th

Louisa Tripp, PDG "Rotary Foundation".

May 31st

Conservation Officer Bob Mancini, whose on the job activities were presented in recent episodes of Animal Planet's "North Woods Law - New Hampshire". K9 Ruger may or may not be there.

Future Programs: 6/21 Ken Kunhart, New Hampshire Community Loan Fund; 6/28 Change Over Dinner.

Proudly serving Bethlehem, Carroll, Dalton, Easton, Franconia, Landaff, Lisbon, Littleton, Lyman, Monroe, Sugar Hill and Whitefield.



club house adjacent to North Country Climbing Center.

Kate introduced two big events kicking off the return of the North Country Chamber Players. On Saturday, May 20th they will hold a free family concert at 2 pm at the Boys & Girls club. The next day, Sunday, a new fund raising event to support their community outreach program will take place at the Mountain View Grand Resort. The theme is Evening in Paris and will feature French cuisine and music.

Visitors and Guests: Bruce Spinney (visiting Rotarian from Broomfield/ Breckenridge, CO); Resta Detwiler, Andrew Dorsett, Pierre Couture, Rabecca Hucksoil.

May Rotary Club Anniversaries:

Marlene Gallinelli (1989), Nellie Nelson (1991), Andy Smith (1991), Dave Ernsberger (2015), Rusty Talbot (2016) Kate Vaughan (2013).

May Birthdays:

None on the record; August a hot month.

Community Announcements, Brags/Senior Moments & Happy Dollars:

Andrew noted that the River District Revitalization Committee will be meeting on Thursday at 6 pm and a public forum focusing on the Recreation Department will be convened on the 18th.

Next Tuesday evening at 6:15 the Boys and Girls Club of the North Country will be hosting a "Discover Us" event at their

No senior moments were admitted, but Tonya was pleased to report she enjoyed a wonderful vacation and that her daughter is the RYLA representative for the Lancaster Club.

Rotary Business

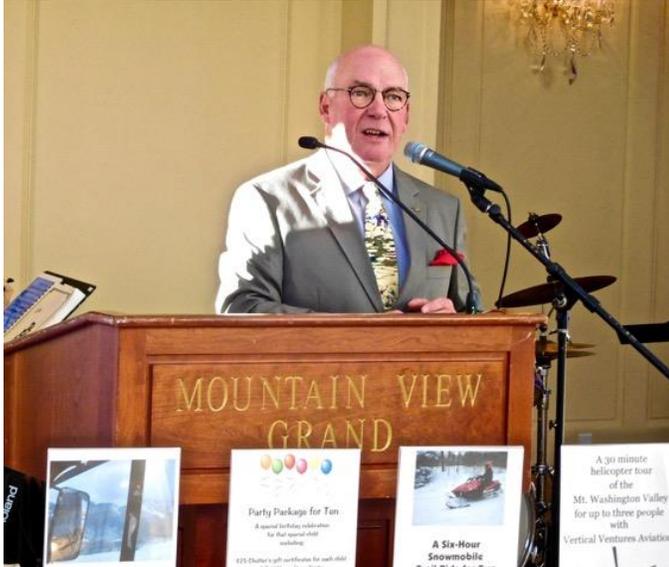
Russ provided an early Auction wrap-up, subject to the finalization of all revenue and expenses. It looks like the club's efforts grossed \$50,000 for the first time. There were approximately 150 attendees with two thirds purchasing their tickets and one third attending courtesy of the sponsorship donation program. Twenty-seven \$25 gift certificates to the Nest were handed out to generous bidders.

Only a few silent auction items did not receive minimum bids and they will be auctioned off at next week's meeting. A press release thanking all the donors is in the works, and tax receipts and a thank you letter will be sent in the near future. Scholarship and non-traditional funding

requests are being processed by the committee and Russ is looking for volunteers to visit the schools to deliver awards.

Ray is anticipating that net Auction revenue will be in the \$35 - 36,000 range compared to last year's \$28,500 net.

Dave led the club in expressing a heartfelt appreciation to Russ for his successful Auction Event leadership.



Bob introduced Rabecca Hucksohl, a senior at Littleton High School, and one of two finalists in the District 7850 Speech Contest. Rabecca competed against 9 other contestants at the District Training Conference on April 29 and will go on to face Sophia Parker of Vergennes, Vermont, High School in the finals at the District Conference at Loon Mountain on June 3. Bob presented Rabecca a check for \$100.00, representing the award for the first phase of the speech competition, and persuaded Rabecca to present her very powerful speech, addressing the conditions of child poverty she witnessed on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic with the Batey Foundation in the context of the Rotary Four-Way Test.

Rabecca will be enrolling at Norwich University this fall, majoring in electrical and computer engineering, and is planning on a career in the U.S. Air Force.

**Lincoln, NH 2017 District
Conference June 2nd - 4th Registration is
Now Open**



<http://7850conference2017.org/>

Please let Kathy know if you are able to represent the club and take a turn helping out at the Conference.

Program

Sandy Olney, Adaptive Sports Partners of the North Country



Rusty Talbot introduced Sandy Olney, Executive Director of Adaptive Sports Partners of the North Country, and MiKayla Briere, who is both an ASPNC participant and a volunteer.

ASPNC, founded in 2009, is now halfway through its eighth year of operation, with the mission of enriching the quality of life for persons with disabilities through a broad spectrum of sports, recreation and wellness programs. The program encompasses "all disabilities, all sports, all seasons" in offering supportive services to persons with a wide range of physical, developmental and cognitive challenges. Past and present participants have ranged in age from 5 to 97. The most popular programs tend to be biking (road cycling, downhill mountain biking and cross-country trail biking) and winter/snow sports (alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowboarding and ice skating) but a truly impressive array of other sports

and recreational activities is also offered: hiking, fishing, adaptive climbing, swimming, tennis, golf, kayaking, bocce, unified softball, floor hockey and power (wheelchair) soccer. Also popular are nature walks and a May-October program known as "Gardening Buddies".

ASPNC enjoys the support of over 100 volunteers; a high priority for the spring is the recruitment of volunteers for summer programs, which already have a full roster of participants plus a waiting list. Sandy stressed the concept of partnerships, ranging from individual and corporate donors to major supporters such as Evergreen Sports Center, Franconia Notch State Park, Cannon Mountain, and Bethlehem Country Club. Sandy noted the support of the Littleton Rotary Club, both in terms of financial support and individual volunteers, over the past five years.

The equipment needed to offer such a multitude of challenging programs is understandably very expensive. Preparations are well underway for one of ASPNC's signature fundraising events, the sunrise ascent on Mt. Washington on Sunday, August 6, 2017.

MiKayla Briere spoke about ASPNC from the perspective of both a participant and a volunteer. "Volunteers", she stated, "are the lifeblood that gets people participating." She volunteers to give back

to her peers and her community by helping ASPNC to provide an accessible and accepting environment. Noting the powerful effect of sports on quality of life, MiKayla suggested that one of the great rewards of volunteering with ASPNC is to see participants' self-confidence bloom as they realize their own power to influence their futures and affect their lives.

For additional information, to volunteer or to donate, visit the ASPNC website at www.adaptivesportspartners.org . ASPNC is located at 461 Main Street in Franconia; the email address is info@adaptivesportspartners.org and the telephone number is 823-5232. ASPNC is a qualified tax-exempt charitable organization, federal tax ID #27-1338965.